

REMARKS

Claims 1-81 were pending prior to the Office Action dated March 8, 2005. Applicants have cancelled claims 1-73 to expedite prosecution of the allowable subject matter. The cancellation of these claims does not mean the Applicants believe the rejection of these claims is legally valid and they reserve the right to pursue such claims in a related application.

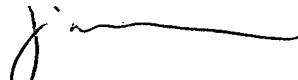
Claims 74-81 were objected to as depending from a rejected base claim, but deemed otherwise allowable. The claims have been amended so that they no longer depend from a rejected base claim.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the foregoing remarks fully respond to all outstanding matters for this application. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of all claims be withdrawn so they may pass to issuance.

Should the Examiner desire to sustain any of the rejections discussed in relation to this Response, the courtesy of a telephonic conference between the Examiner, the Examiner's supervisor, and the undersigned attorney at 512-536-3081 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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